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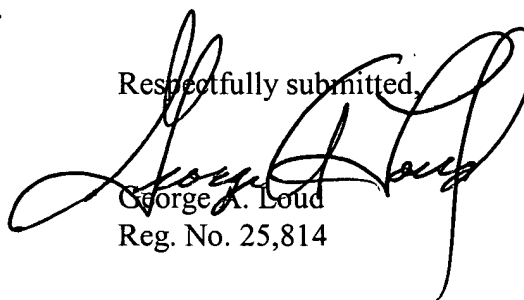
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the examiner consider and cite of record the two Japanese patent documents listed on the attached, copies of which are submitted herewith. Also submitted herewith is a published, English language abstract for each.

Japanese Kokai 11-208389 is discussed in the Background section of applicants' specification at page 3, lines 1-26. The examiner's attention is directed to that teaching for a statement of the relevance of the document.

Respectfully submitted,



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